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SUBJ: EUROPEAN FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF RFE/ RL

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1. FONOFF POLITICAL OFFICER FOR EAST- WEST MATTERS (CIVILETTI)
HAS ADVISED US THAT QUESTION OF GOI SUPPORT FOR RFE/ RL IS UNDER
ACTIVE CONSIDERATION WITHIN FOREIGN MINISTRY AND THAT CURRENT
EFFORTS ARE FOCUSED ON METHOD OF MAKING CONTRIBUTION. FOLLOWING
APPROVAL IN PRINCIPLE BY POLITICAL DIR/ GEN DUCCI OF RECOMMEND-
ATIONS PREPARED BY CIVILETTI (BASED ON MATERIALS PROVIDED BY
EMBASSY), WORKING LEVEL IN FONOFF ARE STUDYING HOW ITALIAN
SUPPORT CAN BEST BE FUNDED WITHOUT RUNNING AFOUL OF BUREAUCRATIC
OBSTACLES AND RAISING TROUBLESOME QUESTION IN PARLIAMENT.

2. ACCORDING CIVILETTI, QUESTION IS NOW BEING DISCUSSED WITH
FONOFF PRESS OFFICE WHICH HOLDS PURSE STRINGS FOR MINISTRY SUB-
SCRIPTIONS. IF AGREEMENT CAN BE REACHED WITHIN FONOFF BETWEEN
PRESS OFFICE AND BUDGET OFFICIALS, ITALIAN CONTRIBUTION TO REF/ RL
RESEARCH OPERATIONS WILL LIKELY TAKE FORM OF SUBSCRIPTION SUPPORT
EXCLUSIVELY. CIVILETTI WOULD NOT VENTURE TO ESTIMATE AT THIS
POINT THE MAGNITUDE OF POSSIBLE GOI CONTRIBUTION BUT PROMISED
TO INFORM US AS DISCUSSIONS ON SUBJECT PROGRESS.

3. DURING CONVERSATION, CIVILETTI INQUIRED WHETHER WE HAD
RECEIVED ANY REACTION TO SECRETARY GENERAL GAJA' S SUGGESTION
TO DCM (REFTEL) THAT CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO REDESIGNATION
OF RFE REPRESENTATION IN ROME IN LIGHT OF CURRENT DETENTE
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